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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



**REPORT**

OF THE

**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

AND OF THE

**SANITARY INSPECTOR AND  
CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT**

For the Year 1952

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# WAKEFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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## Committee:

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## Medical Officer of Health:

Dr. W. G. EVANS, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector: E. HEALD, M.S.I.A.

Additional Sanitary Inspector: C. CANNON, A.R.S.I.

Clerk: Miss NORMA WHITTINGHAM.

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Engineer and Surveyor: W. E. MASSIE, M.Inst., M. & C.E.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Hepplestone and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Sixth Annual Report.

While we could hardly hope to maintain the record low rates of infant mortality and still-births recorded last year, the figures generally are satisfactory. The outstanding feature is the absence of any notification of non-pulmonary tuberculosis. There is also a slight drop in the number of new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis.

Unfortunately the overcrowding problem continues to outstrip our efforts to deal with it and the number of outstanding cases at the end of 1952 was 92 compared with 76 at the end of 1951.

Once again I have pleasure in acknowledging the interest and support of the Council and assistance of my colleagues on many occasions.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

W. G. EVANS.

# REPORT of the

## MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

### for the year ending 31st December, 1952.

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#### Section A.—Statistics.

##### General Statistics.

Area—21,503 acres.

Population (mid 1952)—19,270.

Number of Inhabited Houses—5,636.

Rateable Value—£84,895.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate—£319 0s. 3d.

##### Vital Statistics.

	M.	F.	Total	
Live Births—Legitimate	140	153	293	Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population
Illegitimate	4	7	11	
	<u>144</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>304</u>	
				...    ...    ...    15.8
Still Births—Legitimate	6	3	9	Rate per 1,000 live and still births—28.8
Illegitimate	—	—	—	
	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	
Deaths    ...    ...	96	89	185	Death rate per 1,000 of resident pop- ulation    ...    9.6





Table II.—Infant Mortality.

Nett deaths from stated causes under one year = 6.

	Under 1 week	1—2 weeks	2—3 weeks	3—4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1—3 months	3—6 months	6—9 months	9—12 months	Total under 1 year
Accident ... ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Prematurity ... ..	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Cerebral Haemorrhage ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Gastro Enteritis ... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
TOTALS	5	—	—	—	5	—	1	—	—	6

Death rate of infants under one year:—

Administrative County of West Riding of Yorkshire 30.0

Wakefield Rural District ... .. 19.7

**Table III.—Statistics for the District 1947-52.**

	Population	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Deaths	Infant Mortality Rate	Still Birth Rate
1947	18,110	24.07	9.4	20	45	18
1948	18,270	19.9	9.3	11	30	26
1949	18,540	18.5	11.8	13	38	25
1950	18,810	16.4	9.7	12	39	19
1951	19,230	17.0	10.1	5	15	15
1952	19,270	15.8	9.6	6	19.7	28.8

**SECTION B.****General Provision of Health Services in the District.****Laboratory Service.**

There is no change in this service. Dr. Findlay continues as Director and he and his staff have always been ready to give advice and practical assistance in regard to bacteriological and epidemiological problems.

**Ambulance Service.**

There has been no change in the service as it affects this Division.

**Isolation Hospital Accommodation.**

This is available at Snapethorpe Hospital, Wakefield, where the commoner infections are normally admitted. Where special facilities for treatment or nursing are desirable as in poliomyelitis or when accommodation is not available at Snapethorpe, other hospitals particularly Seacroft Hospital, Leeds, are available. No difficulty was experienced during the year in finding accommodation and the liaison between the hospitals and the Health Department was satisfactory.

**General Hospital Accommodation.**

I am glad to be able to report a slight improvement in the position as it affects chronic sick in this area. This does not mean the problem is solved. There is still a considerable delay in admission of these difficult cases.



## After Care.

Again there was a slight increase in the requests from the Hospitals for after care for discharged patients. However, the number of requests remain far below the level one would expect having regard to the benefits to be derived from a closer liaison between hospital and domiciliary services.

## Domiciliary Nursing.

Nurse A. Beaumont resigned in April, 1952, and was replaced by Nurse M. Cockshott. Nurse A. Staples resigned in November and had not been replaced by the end of the year. The full time relief nurse undertook duties in Sharlston, Warmfield and Kirkthorpe after Nurse Staples left us and her visits are included in the figures below.

Name	Area	No. of visits	No. of cases
Nurse A. Beaumont (District Nurse Midwife) (Resigned April, 1952)	Bretton, Notton, Woolley ... ..	496	26
Nurse M. Cockshott (District Nurse Midwife)	Do. ... ..	142	23
Nurse O. Gardner (District Nurse Midwife)	Middlestown, Overton, Netherton ... ..	2,265	135
Nurse F. E. Ellis (Home Nurse)	Crofton, Wintersett	4,912	106
Nurse M. E. Smith (Home Nurse)	Crigglestone, Walton, Newmillerdam ...	2,417	137
Nurse A. Staples (Home Nurse) (Resigned Nov., 1952)	Sharlston, Warmfield, Kirkthorpe ...	2,313	122
		<hr/> 12,545	<hr/> 549

## Maternity Services.

### (a) Institutional.

The percentage of institutional births in the Rural District in 1952 was 47.9 (150 out of 313). The arrangements for booking hospital accommodation remained as for last year.

### (b) **Domiciliary Midwifery.**

Apart from those involving nurses doing combined duties, there were no staff changes during the year.

### **Gas and Air Analgesia.**

This was administered in 100 cases out of 163, a percentage of 61. This compares with a percentage of 55 last year.

### (c) **Ante Natal Clinics.**

Clinic	Session	Medical Officer	No. of mothers		Attendances	
			A.N.	P.N.	A.N.	P.N.
		Dr. Irene				
Crigglestone	... Monthly	Hargreaves	27	6	78	8
Crofton	... alt. wks.	Do.	35	2	100	2
Middlestown	... Do.	Do.	26	2	121	2
Sharlston	... Do.	Do.	41	7	82	7
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			129	17	381	19
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### (d) **Maternal Mortality.**

There were no deaths under this heading during the year.

### (e) **Premature Babies.**

Return of Babies (including still-births) of 5½lbs. in weight or under at birth delivered in the year 1st January, 1952, to 31st December, 1952.

Weight at birth lbs.	No. of Premature Births		No. dying Days and hours of survival	Number surviving over 28 days
	Born alive	Born dead (over 28 wks. duration of pregnancy)		
Under 2½lbs.	—	1	—	—
2½—3lbs.	1	—	1 lived 3 days 11 hrs.	—
3—3½lbs.	—	—	—	—
3½—4lbs.	2	2	1 lived 6 days 2¾ hrs.	1
4—4½lbs.	6	—	1 lived 8 hours	5
4½—5lbs.	5	—	—	5
5—5½lbs.	6	—	—	6
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	20	3	3	17
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**(f) Child Welfare.**

Clinic	Session	Medical Officer	Health Visitor	Attendances	
				0—1	1—5
Crigglestone	Weekly	Dr. G. R. Wightman	Nurse E. E. Driver	1,289	477
Crofton	Do.	Dr. I. Hargreaves	Nurse M. A. Taylor	1,061	778
Middlestown	Do.	Dr. J. M. Aitken	Nurse A. Holder	798	373
Sharlston	Do.	Dr. I. Hargreaves	Nurse M. Ward	1,261	900
				<u>4,409</u>	<u>2,528</u>

This year again though there are local variations, the general trend of attendances is to increase. In view of the doubt thrown recently on the purpose and value of Child Welfare Clinics it is gratifying to those of us who believe in their value to see that their popularity with the mothers is maintained. It must be remembered however, that this will only be maintained by the constant effort and conscientious work of doctors, nurses and voluntary helpers.

**Venereal Diseases.**

Facilities for treatment are available in all the neighbouring large towns. Up-to-date information in regard to place and time of clinics is publicised locally.

**School Health Service.**

There are 14 schools in the district with a school population of 2,428.

**School Clinics.****Attendances at Clinics.**

Clinic			Sessions		No. of Attendances	Average No. per session	
Crofton	...	...	70	...	3,552	...	51
Sharlston	...	...	74	...	3,842	...	52
Walton	...	...	64	...	1,695	...	26
Crigglestone	...	...	34	...	770	...	22
Middlestown	...	...	24	...	165	...	7
Netherton	...	...	25	...	477	...	13

**Medical Inspection in Schools.**

School	Sessions	No. seen routine	No. seen non-routine
Crigglestone C.P. (Infants) ...	4	58	25
Crigglestone C.P. (Mixed) ...	4	50	37
Crigglestone C.E. ... ..	3	34	21
Newmillerdam C.P. ... ..	2	29	5
West Bretton C.P. ... ..	1	18	11
Walton C.P. ... ..	5	61	17
Woolley C.E. ... ..	1	7	3
Woolley Colliery C.P. ...	2	35	14
Netherton ... ..	2	33	3
Middlestown C.P. (Infants)	3	43	17
Middlestown C.P. (Mixed) ...	3	38	37
Sharlston C.P. (Infants) ...	8	138	30
Sharlston C.P. (Mixed) ...	7	104	81
Sharlston National ... ..	4	27	37
Warmfield ... ..	3	28	15
Heath ... ..	1	24	1
Crofton ... ..	1	—	55
	<hr/> 54 <hr/>	<hr/> 727 <hr/>	<hr/> 439 <hr/>

**Nutrition.**

	A	B	C
Entrants	226	187	1
Intermediates	116	148	—
Leavers	29	20	—
	<hr/> 371 <hr/>	<hr/> 355 <hr/>	<hr/> 1 <hr/>
	51.03%	48.83%	.14%



**Cleanliness Survey.**

School	No. on register	No. of individual children found infested	Percentage of individual children found infested	
			1951	1952
Crigglestone C.P. (infants)	132	11	15.2	8.33
Crigglestone C.P. (Mixed) ...	206	26	13.5	12.62
Crigglestone C.E. ... ..	96	—	1.1	—
Newmillerdam C.P. ... ..	50	1	6.8	2.0
West Bretton C.P. ... ..	51	—	—	—
Walton C.P. ... ..	202	18	10.2	8.81
Woolley C.E. ... ..	21	1	—	4.76
Woolley Colliery C.P. ...	99	8	11.5	7.71
Netherton ... ..	146	8	9.8	5.48
Middlestown C.P. ... ..	235	17	10.0	7.23
Sharlston C.P. (Infants) ...	172	23	8.2	1.34
Sharlston C.P. (Mixed) ...	343	29	13.7	8.45
Sharlston National ... ..	100	—	9.9	—
Warmfield ... ..	78	10	8.0	12.84
Heath ... ..	41	—	—	—
Crofton ... ..	456	16	11.3	3.5

**Handicapped Pupils.**

Number of Handicapped Pupils examined	...	...	1
Number of Educationally sub-normal pupils examined			8
Number of Educationally sub-normal pupils recommended for Special School	...	...	3
Number of Educationally sub-normal pupils reported to West Riding Mental Health Sub-Committee		...	1
Number of Maladjusted pupils examined	...	...	2
Number of Maladjusted pupils recommended for Special School	...	...	1



### Home Help Service.

The number of cases dealt with during the year was 70.

Illness (excluding aged)	...	20
Lying-In	... ..	17
Expectant Mothers	... ..	2
Mentally Defective	... ..	1
Aged	... ..	30

The number of cases assisted fell this year for the first time and the Rural District was the only district in the Division which did not have an increased number of cases.

### Mental Health.

At the end of the year there were 47 mentally defective persons under statutory supervision, 4 under voluntary supervision, 2 under guardianship and one on licence from an Institution. Twenty-five patients were undertaking paid employment and 3 children of school age were in attendance at an Occupation Centre at Castleford.

Of 3 patients who had been at home on licence from Institutions one was recalled because of unsatisfactory home conditions and one removed from the area.

One patient was admitted to hospital because her aged father was unable, owing to failing sight, to give her the necessary care.

Five patients discharged from mental hospitals were referred for After-Care. Two had to return for further treatment, one left the area, one made a satisfactory recovery, and one is still being visited.

## SECTION C.

### **Sanitary Circumstances in the Area.**

#### **(a) Water Supply.**

Water is purchased in bulk from Wakefield and Dewsbury Corporations, Darton, Kirkburton, Royston and Hemsworth U.D.C's. Woolley Village is supplied from a well.

One chemical and 25 bacteriological samples were taken. One was unsatisfactory. This was from an emergency supplementary supply brought into use when the supply at Woolley partially failed. It was due to surface contamination of a spring. Steps were taken to prevent this and the water was chlorinated. Further samples were satisfactory.

#### **(b) Drainage and Sewage.**

Extensions were completed in the Kirkthorpe Area.

Grants under the Public Health Act were made in 29 cases when privies were converted.

#### **(c) Housing.**

Seventy-six new council houses were completed. The number of cases of overcrowding was 76 at the beginning of the year. During the year 28 new cases came to light and 12 were relieved, leaving 92 cases outstanding at the end of the year.

## SECTION D.

### Prevalence and Control of Infectious Disease.

#### Notifiable Diseases.

The following cases of infectious disease (other than tuberculosis) were notified during the year:—

	AGES							No. of cases	Adm. to Hosp.
	0-1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 and over		
Scarlet Fever	—	1	2	8	3	—	—	14	14
Whooping Cough	8	23	26	42	3	—	—	102	1
Measles ...	3	23	34	40	—	1	—	101	1
Pneumonia ...	—	1	3	—	—	—	5	9	2
Meningococcal Infection ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	5	6	11	—
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	1
Poliomyelitis ...	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	3	2
Malaria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—

#### Foor Poisoning.

No outbreaks were notified.

#### Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year 246 children received full immunising course and 267 children received re-inforcing doses.

The total number of children under 15 years of age who have completed a full course of immunisation at any time up to the end of the year is 2,555.

This represents 51% of the child population.

### Vaccination against Smallpox.

The number of persons vaccinated during the year was as follows:—

Under 1 year	...	...	30
1-4 years	...	...	29
5-15 years	...	...	4
15 or over	...	...	7
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			70
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Eleven persons were re-vaccinated.

### Tuberculosis.

New cases were notified as follows:—

		M.	F.	Total
Pulmonary	...	10	6	16
Non-Pulmonary	...	—	—	—
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		10	6	16
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The following cases were removed from the Register during the year:—

		M.	F.	Total
Pulmonary	...	13	2	15
Non-Pulmonary	...	4	4	8
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		17	6	23
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>

Cases remaining on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of the year were:—

		M.	F.	Total
Pulmonary	...	41	25	66
Non-Pulmonary	...	5	11	16
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		46	36	82
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**WAKEFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

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**REPORT of the  
SANITARY INSPECTOR  
for the year 1952.**

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Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I respectfully submit my Annual Report for the year 1952.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

E. HEALD,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

## Notices and Correspondence.

No of Statutory Notices served	Public Health Act 1936	(Sec. 39)							2
"	"	"	"	"		(Sec. 24)			—
"	"	"	"	"		(Sec. 269)			—
"	"	"	"	"		(Sec. 93)			—
"	"	"	"	"		(Sec. 47)			—
"	"	"	"	"		(Sec. 277)			—
"	"	"	Housing Act, 1936	(Sec. 168)	...				25
"	"	"	"	"	(Sec. 12)	...			1
"	"	"	"	"	(Sec. 11)	...			25
"	"	"	"	"	(Sec. 9)	...			3
"	Informal Notices	Factory Act, 1937	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
"	"	Housing Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	83
"	"	Public Health Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	263
"	Letters sent	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	538
"	Informal Notices	Food and Drugs Act, 1938	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
									940

Number of Nuisances reported to Sanitary Committee	...	...	2
Number of nuisances outstanding	...	...	—
Number abated on service of Statutory Notice (Public Health Acts)			2
Number abated before Statutory Notice was served	...	...	—
Number of reported nuisances outstanding, 1952	...	...	—

## Houses Erected, 1952.

		Bretton	Crigglestone	Crofton	Chevet	Newland	Notton	Sharlston	Sitlington	Walton	Warmfield	Winterset	Woolley	TOTAL
Private Enterprise and Subsidy ...	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4
By the Council under 1936 Acts Houses ...	—	16	38	—	—	—	18	4	—	—	—	—	—	76
Total ...	—	17	39	—	—	1	18	5	—	—	—	—	—	80

**Inhabited Houses.**

Parish						Houses
Chevet	...	...	...	...	...	11
Crigglestone	...	...	...	...	...	1411
Crofton	...	...	...	...	...	905
Newland-cum-Woodhouse			...	...	...	7
Notton	...	...	...	...	...	199
Sharlston	...	...	...	...	...	838
Sitlington	...	...	...	...	...	1115
Walton	...	...	...	...	...	409
Warmfield-cum Heath	...	...	...	...	...	303
Bretton West	...	...	...	...	...	106
Wintersett	...	...	...	...	...	13
Woolley	...	...	...	...	...	319
Total						5636

**Sanitary Inspection of Area.**

General District Inspection	...	...	...	...	209
Notifiable Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	172
Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	10
Meat Distributing Centres	...	...	...	...	51
Interviews and Appointments	...	...	...	...	473
Investigation of Complaints	...	...	...	...	445
Ice-Cream Shops	...	...	...	...	8
Petroleum	...	...	...	...	25
Inspection of Works for the Abatement of Nuisances					103
Drain Testing	...	...	...	...	288
Shops	...	...	...	...	208
Inspection of Houses	...	...	...	...	682
Refuse Tips	...	...	...	...	183
Salvage and District Cleansing	...	...	...	...	177
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	9
Factories	...	...	...	...	24
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	...	139
Other Visits	...	...	...	...	283
Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	15
Water Samples	...	...	...	...	14
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	...	34
Homeworkers Premises	...	...	...	...	—
					3552

# IMPROVEMENTS AFFECTED, YEAR 1952.

PARISH		Eavespouts repaired	Dilapidations repaired	Swine removed	Accumulations removed	Yards dirty cleansed	Yards paved	Plaster work repaired	House floors repaired	House roofs repaired	Houses damp	W.C. Soil and vent pipes rep'd	New ashbins provided	Ashpits repaired	Ashpits replaced with bins	Privies converted to W.C's.	Pail closets provided	W.C's provided	Water closets repaired	Water conductors repaired	Sink wastes repaired	Inspection chambers built	Gully traps affixed	Stopped drains cleansed	Drains found defective	New drains laid	Drains taken out	New sinks affixed		
Chevet ... ..	...	12	15	—	—	—	—	25	26	23	22	—	34	—	—	8	—	1	3	1	1	1	2	—	6	5	6	1	3	0
Crigglestone ... ..	...	—	5	—	—	—	—	4	4	4	4	—	9	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	3	3	—	13	5	7	3	—	194
Crofton ... ..	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	67
Newland-cum-Woodhouse	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Notton ... ..	...	8	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	19
Sharlston ... ..	...	—	10	—	—	—	—	5	7	9	4	—	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7	8	1	—	83
Sitlington ... ..	...	2	15	—	—	—	—	12	11	15	11	—	42	—	—	15	—	8	2	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	2	4	1	147
Walton ... ..	...	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	2	—	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	21
Warmfield-cum-Heath	...	—	5	—	—	—	—	5	5	5	5	—	4	—	—	10	—	7	—	—	—	1	—	2	3	9	3	—	—	65
West Bretton ... ..	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
Winterset ... ..	...	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Woolley ... ..	...	—	2	—	—	—	—	7	5	5	3	—	3	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	16	3	5	1	—	—	53
Total	...	22	55	—	—	—	—	63	63	66	54	—	120	—	—	34	1	24	18	2	5	7	1	51	25	39	14	4	—	668

## Disinfections.

Disinfections are carried out by workmen specially trained for this work and the method adopted is spraying with Formaldy-hide and Formalin Lamps. During the year 64 disinfections were carried out by this method. In the case of verminous houses, de-infestation is done by spraying with a special insecticide.

Disinfectants are supplied free for use in houses where a case of infectious disease has occurred and where Tuberculosis patients reside. Stores for the supply of disinfectants are situated in each of the Townships and supplies are issued on the production of a note signed by myself or the disinfectors.

DISINFECTIONS			DISEASE										
			Tuberculosis	Scarlet Fever	Enteric	Diphtheria	Poliomyelitis	Vermin	Cebro-Spinal Fever	Scabies	Pneumonia	Other Cases	TOTAL
Private Dwelling													
Houses	...	...	8	19	—	—	2	35	—	—	—	—	64
Schools	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Day Nurseries	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maternity Homes	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
		TOTAL	8	19	—	—	2	35	—	—	—	—	64
			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

The results of the disinfections for zymotic diseases has been very satisfactory, and no secondary cases have occurred that could be traced to the inefficiency of the method adopted.

The total number of houses disinfected for tuberculosis during the year was 8.



### **Disinfestation.**

40 houses were found to be infested with vermin during the year.

### **Food and Drugs.**

No samples were submitted to the Public Analyst during the year.

### **Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949.**

During the year, 13 persons held licences authorising the use of the Special Designation Tuberculin Tested.

3 Supplementary Licences were issued to dealers outside the district authorising the use of the Special Designation Tuberculin Tested in relation to milk sold within the area.

### **Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.**

During the year, 14 persons held licences authorising the use of the Special Designation Pasteurised in relation to milk sold by them in this district, and 8 persons held licences authorising them to use the Special Designation Sterilised in respect of milk sold by them in this district.

5 Supplementary Licences were issued to dealers operating from premises outside the district authorising them to use the Special Designations Pasteurised or Sterilised in relation to milk sold by them in this district.

### **Milk.**

22 samples of milk produced at farms in the district were submitted for biological examination, all samples except one were found to be satisfactory.

**Food Condemned, 1952.**

- 5 tins Europa Ham—52lbs. 12ozs.
- 2 tins Danish Pork Luncheon Meat—24ozs.
- 1 tin Europa Ham—11lbs. 12ozs.
- 1 tin Prunes—1lb. 14ozs.
- 1 tin Grade 1 Salmon—1lb.
- 1 tin Prunes—1lb. 14ozs.
- 1 tin Pork—1lb. 13ozs.
- 1 tin Chopped Pork—18ozs.
- 77ozs. Luncheon Meat.
- 1 2lb. 3oz. tin Lockreel Tomatoes.
- 3 7oz. tins Tomatoes.
- 1 14oz. tin Pericoma Tomatoes.
- 1 2lb. 3oz. tin Hercule's Tomatoes.
- 10 1lb. tins Golden Glory Beans.
- 1 1lb. 14oz. tin L.K.B. Peaches.
- 1 14oz. tin C.W.S. Cherries.
- 1 12oz. tin Tom Piper Beef Loaf.
- 1 14½oz. tin Apperto Apples.
- 1 7oz. tin Coset Orange Segments.
- 1 11oz. tin Cherry Star Oranges.
- 1 1lb. 4oz. tin Grapefruit.
- 2 16oz. tins Prize Winner Pineapple.
- 1 1lb. 4oz. tin Typhone Pineapple.
- 1 (2 pints equivalent) Wheat Sheaf Milk.
- 1 (2 pints equivalent) Sweetened Condensed Milk.
- 1 13½oz. tin Letona Oranges.
- 1 tin Glen Peas.
- 1 15oz. tin Carpathia Bilberries.
- 1 3¾oz. tin Smoked Danish Brislings.
- 1 Entire Cow and Organs—290lbs.
- 1 Pig's Messentery—2lbs.
- 1 Entire Pig carcase and Organs—20 stones.
- 1 Pig Heart.
- 1 Set Pig Lungs.
- 2 part forequarters of Pork.

In the district there are 27 Fish Friers. The conditions at these premises were found satisfactory. 15 visits were made to these premises.

### **Petroleum and like Substances.**

31 premises are licenced for the storage of Petroleum. There were no accidents during the year and no contraventions of the Petroleum Act discovered.

## **HOUSING STATISTICS.**

### **1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.**

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| (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..                       | 296 |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. ... .. | 33  |
| (3) Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation                                    | 86  |

### **2. Remedy of Defects during the year without the service of Formal Notice.**

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officer ... ..	83
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### **3. Action under Statutory Power during the year.**

A.—Proceedings under sections 9 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

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| (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... .. | 3   |
| (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—        |     |
| (a) By owners ... ..   | 3   |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...  | Nil |

## B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... .. 1
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of notices:—
- (a) By owners ... .. 1
- (b) By Local Authority in default of owners ... Nil

## C.—Proceedings under section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... .. 19
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... .. 14

## D.—Proceedings under sections 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... .. 1
- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or room having been rendered fit ... .. Nil
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close ... Nil

**Sanitary Conveniences.**

Water Closets	...	...	5009
Covered Privy Middens	...		428
Open Privy Middens	...		20
Tub or Pail Closets	...		87
Ashbins	...	...	4596

**Scavenging.**

The total cost of house refuse collection, cleansing of cesspools and collection of waste paper, rags and bones, was £9,015 4s. 9d. throughout the district during the period 1st April, 1952, to 31st March, 1953. The income to the Cleansing Department for waste paper, rags and bones, and for work done to Private Cesspools was £481 10s. 0d., this gives a net cost of cleansing, including cesspools, of £8,533 14s. 9d.









